

Bethlehem team members visit in the old city of Jerusalem. In the background is the Temple Mount with its western wall and Dome of the Rock clearly visible.

## Students complete "Bethlehem Project"

By Tom McLaughlin

It is hard to remember all of the names (many we could not pronounce), but, the faces we will never forget: a nine-year-old girl, though brain damaged, smiled at her American visitors while a 13-year-old boy crippled for life, his leg shattered beyond repair, planted his crutches firmly to gain balance so he could shake hands with each of us.

These were only two of the many children we visited at a rehabilitation center on the edge of Shepherd's Field in Bethlehem. All had been severely beaten or shot by Israeli soldiers in an effort to put down the Palestinian "uprising" on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

We had tried to prepare our 14 members of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Delta Community College and four chaperones for what they would see and feel during our mission trip to Bethlehem last summer. The team spent one night a week for eight months in orientation and preparation. They studied everything from biblical archaeology and history to the contemporary geopolitical atmosphere in the Middle East. Over 50 churches and more than 2,000 people helped these students make this mission trip to the First Baptist Church of Bethlehem a reality.

The visit to the rehabilitation center was only a small part of the "Bethlehem Project," as the students called it. We were also involved in Sunday School, morning and evening worship services, home visitation; and we finished the project with a full day of clean-up and fix-up around the church.

We found the 150-member congregation to be warm, friendly, and very serious about their relationship with Jesus Christ. As we visited in the homes to offer a witness and words of encouragement, we, too, received the same. Every visit was a worship experience where we shared our faith in Jesus, sang hymns (ours in English, theirs in Arabic) and made new friends.

It is hard to describe the emotional "roller coaster" of spending the day with Palestinians in Bethlehem and the evenings with the Jewish population of Jerusalem. We heard plenty of horror stories from both sides. How sad it was to come home with the

realization that our news media in the region is selling news, instead of telling the true story, from either perspective.

The Israeli soldiers we met were the same age as our students here at Mississippi Delta Community College. That was about all they had in common. These young soldiers at 18 and 19 are the guardians of their homeland, trained to repel armies, tanks, and terrorists. Their training has not prepared them to fight stones or the children throwing them. We hurt for both peoples. You do not have to take sides to do that.

By the end of our mission, we were emotionally drained yet strangely elated. What an unbelievable experience! Most of the people we came in contact with had never met a Christian college student. How exciting to know their first contact was with a Mississippi BSU'er.

Thank you, Mississippi Baptists, for continuing your strong support for BSU. We are where we have always been, on the cutting edge of missions. This kind of trip may never happen again. Christian college students, helped by Jewish leaders, minister to Palestinians. However, stay with us! Our God continues to open impossible doors.

As usual, all good things must come to an end. After three weeks, we returned to Noonday, Monday Night Bible Study, football and BSU Convention. Our new friends remained behind. Our Palestinian friends, living behind road blocks, afraid of the Jews. Our Jewish friends, living on the other side of the road blocks, afraid of the Palestinians. Both are right, both are wrong. How we hurt for them to know Jesus as we do.

So, if you are ever in Moorhead, stop by the BSU for a visit. If you do, you will find a new prayer request on the "Noonday" board. It is a simple request, but if you ask the right students why it is there, it may take a while for him to explain. It is a prayer brought back from the Holy Land at the request of Jews and Arabs alike. "Please! Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." We do that, everyday, but like we have never done it before.

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## Around the world via Ruschlikon, Switzerland

By Jean Allgood

When James Weldon Johnson wrote his now famous GOD'S TROMBONES (The CREATION), I believe that he must have visited in this very spot — he may have stood where my apartment is now located. Each morning when I arise, I go to the window and I look out over the beautiful grounds, the chapel, other buildings, then on toward Lake Zurich and beyond to the beautiful snow-capped mountains. It is then that I am led to reflect on Johnson's work: "Then God stepped out in space; he flung the mountains; he carved the valleys; he hung the stars . . ." Then he stepped back and said: "That's good; that's good!"

In 1949, when the Southern Baptist Convention decided to invest in eternity by establishing an International Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, their vision, though broad at the time, could hardly have encompassed this monumental decision. Here, for 40 years, more than 1,200 young men and women have studied, ministered, been ministered to, forged new worldwide friendships, learned new languages, and then have returned to their homelands to help carry out the Great Commission.

The Baptist Theological Seminary has as its main building what was once the summer home of a wealthy and respected Swiss newspaperman. It is situated among chestnut trees, fir trees, and many other kinds, both evergreen and deciduous. The grounds cover about ten acres and now have several other buildings, including a chapel which was built with funds from the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. Beside the chapel and toward the entrance to the grounds is the Bell Tower. The tower contains three bells of different sizes which make their sounds distinctly different from others. The formal rose gardens situated on each side of the main building are a profusion of colors.

The opportunity to serve as a volunteer secretary for public relations came and as I reflected upon the beauty of the place during my visit to Ruschlikon in 1984, I knew that the Lord was calling me back to serve in this serene place that only a sovereign God could create. Little did I know that his call would take me much further than this village of Ruschlikon, Switzerland, but that I would be able to "criss-cross the world" with a non-cost, first-class round-trip ticket. There would be no bomb threats nor hijackings. Let me explain.

This year 19 countries and all continents are represented in the student body. I decided to eat one meal a day in the dining room where the food is served family style, six at a table. Little did I realize that the first day I would "travel" to India, Korea, and Ghana. My! What a thrilling experience to hear first-hand about the countries and cultures which I had studied as a child and that I hear so much about on television. The many

accents and languages (which they sometimes slipped back into) were so fascinating to hear.

These months have passed so fast, during which time I have "traveled" to Kenya, Burma, Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, East Germany (the first time ever to have students from East Germany), West Germany, England, France, Brazil, USA, Australia, Wales, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Switzerland. You see, as I "traveled" I managed to sit in a different seat each day. What I might have missed one day I could hear another day! An added pleasure has been having many of these new friends for a meal and also to help several of them critique their papers.

It is unbelievable, I confess, but I have gone much farther than the countries which I have mentioned. The seminary not only has a program of excellence for the full-time students, but in order to make full use of the facilities, faculty, and visiting scholars, they offer many other types of enrichment programs. Pastors, missionaries, other seminary students and lay people come here from one week to several weeks for evangelism seminars, mission conferences, sabbatical study time, and research. It is my traveling with these that has taken me to the far corners of the earth — even to the USSR — twice! I was able to be at THE WALL when it came down!! All students must have a working knowledge of English before they are accepted, as classes and conferences are in English; there is no problem understanding most of what one hears.

Wait! Is that Gabi that I hear singing an Italian song as she rakes leaves

under my window? Yes, that is Gabi, and as I walk down the stairs then on to the office, coming from the chapel I hear the music of Africa as Frank prepares for chapel this morning. Walking on I respond to at least six different accents, each wishing me a pleasant morning. Upon entering the office Renee greets me in Swiss German, "Guten morgen."

I confess I feel smug about all his "traveling" I have done these few months but I want you to know that you can have this same experience — for a price. You may choose to volunteer your time and energies for the many, many things that need to be done here. Better still, you might choose to invest in a scholarship fund or some other fund so that more students could come here, or those who are already enrolled could spend more time on studies and less time on work scholarship duties. There is hardly a student who does not have at least one job — many have two. I have never seen studying given as high a priority as is given here. I have also learned that there are sacrifices made to gain a theological education that one would hardly believe. There is one student who has been here over three years studying toward a Master of Theology degree, yet he has a wife and seven children at home!!! Think about it!!! Do you REALLY believe it? As I "traveled" with him to Burma that first day I knew exactly why God had led me to take this world tour. Come along now, and make Ruschlikon the first stop on your world-wide tour; if not in person, then through other means.

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Students around the dining table at Ruschlikon come from many countries.



# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Support your legislator

"Let the people vote," the Jackson Clarion-Ledger has screamed throughout the struggle involving the possibility of having the state government in the gambling and gambling promotion business through the operation of a state-run lottery.

And yet that newspaper has pulled out every trick that could be dreamed up to try to wreck the political careers of representatives and senators who have been elected by the people.

One can only wonder why it is that a newspaper would stoop to such tactics as have been seen in the Clarion-Ledger since the lottery issue was thrust upon the state by the governor. And it would have been hard to imagine before all of this surfaced that one man could have caused such pain and bitterness as the governor has brought about through his ill-conceived and illegal proposal for financing education reforms. But then, he is young.

Twenty-seven senators dared to stand in the way of the concept of gambling being used to finance the education of the state's children. All of the 27 have not been heard, but word has filtered in that some of those 27 have come under intense persecution since the vote. Some of the tactics have been laid at the doorstep of the executive branch of the state government.

There is no excuse for a newspaper or a state official to exert such pressure on an elected representative of the people.

One state representative who was in

this office last week pointed out that the newspapers of the state stand to profit by hundreds of thousands of dollars, and maybe even millions, through the advertising that would be done should a state-run gambling enterprise such as a lottery be made legal. And, he said, there have been calls from the executive branch to legislators' districts to seek votes against the legislators.

One wonders why the governor is so adamant.

There are no answers.

Some newspapers in the state have taken stands in opposition to a lottery. They are to be saluted. They probably would refuse lottery advertising; but, more than that, they probably realize what problems would be purchased with those lottery dollars — and may have been purchased already.

What are we teaching our children? First, that it is all right to gamble. Second, that once the mind has been made up, there is no limit to the extremes acceptable in order to accomplish the concept. Both of those are desperately erroneous directions. And who would profit most from a lottery? It wouldn't be the state nor the people who would spend their money on the lottery.

How nice it would have been for a governor to have come forth with an education package with the notation that it could be had only through increased taxes. It would have passed. It would have been much, much less of a strain on the state's economy. All of the hurt and damage could have been avoided; and perhaps many

careers, possibly including the governor's, could have been saved.

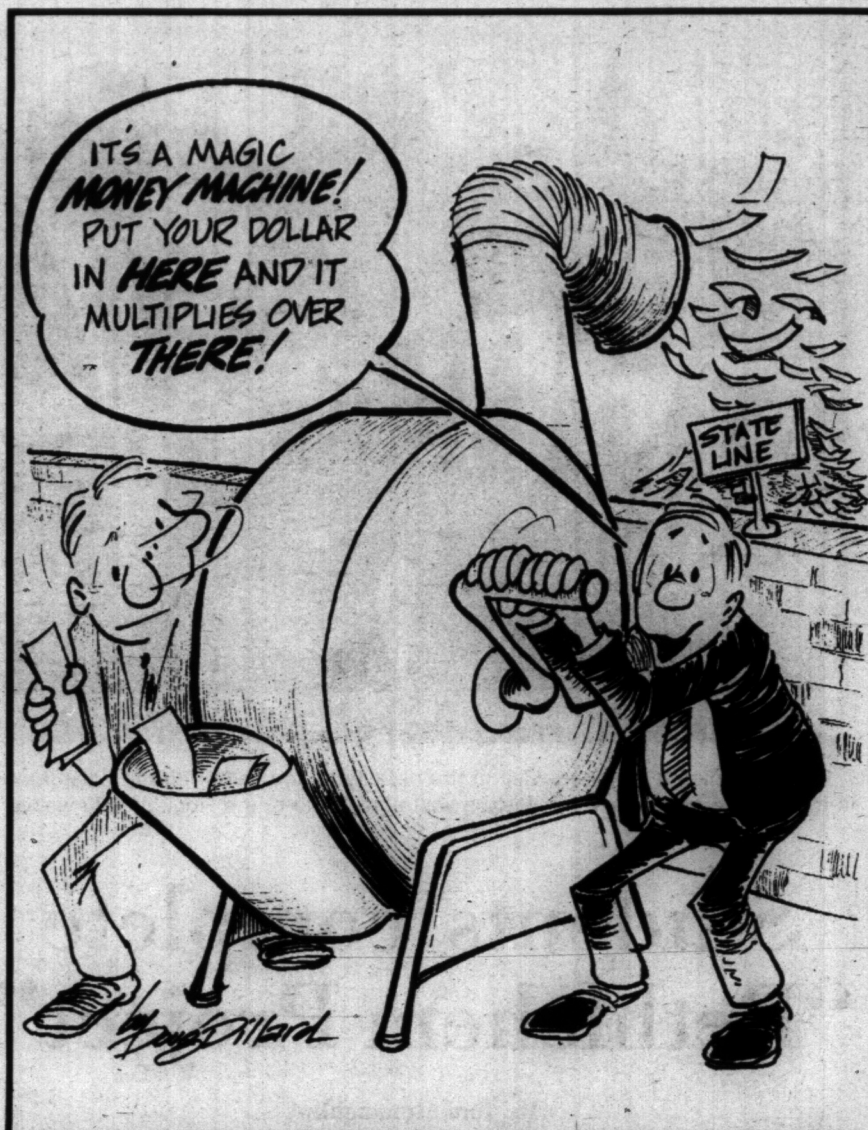
You see, a lottery doesn't furnish any new money. It just shifts around what is already there, gives a great deal of it to just a few people, and sends a great deal more of it out of state to where all of this idea originates — the manufacturers of the lottery equipment.

Let the people vote? Let's see what the constitution itself has to say about voting on the constitution.

### ARTICLE 15 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 273. Whenever two thirds of each house of the Legislature, which two thirds shall consist of not less than a majority of the members elected to each house, shall deem any change, alteration, or amendment necessary to this Constitution, such proposed amendment, change or alteration shall be read and passed by two-thirds vote of each house, as herein provided; public notice shall then be given by the secretary of state at least thirty days preceding an election, at which the qualified electors shall vote directly for or against such change, alteration or amendment.

That means that a call for a constitutional amendment such as would be necessary in order to have a lottery, either state-run or otherwise, must come from the Legislature. If the Legislature doesn't place the matter before the people, it is a dead issue. It doesn't matter what a newspaper or the governor thinks or says or wants



to do. It has to originate in the Legislature. That is what the constitution says. Anything different is unconstitutional.

Baptist Record readers, your representatives and senators need your help. They are being subjected to unbelievable pressures. Their only hope is to hear from their supporters. It doesn't matter that your private concept might be in opposition to a

state-run lottery. If you don't make your views known to your legislators, you are supporting it.

And while we are all off fighting the roaring flame that is the lottery issue, there are other brush fires beginning to be fanned in the breeze. And the wind is picking up. There are pornography issues, and there are other gambling issues.

Stay in touch with your legislators.

## In New Mexico . . . Lottery battle on again

By J. B. Fowler

The state legislature began its month-long session Jan. 16. Although this is the year of the short term and only budgetary matters are on the agenda, look for a push to legalize a lottery and video gambling in New Mexico.

Of course, the push to legalize state-sponsored gambling in New Mexico is nothing new. We have faced it year after year; and, thank God, we have defeated it each year.

There are some legislators in the state, including at least one gubernatorial candidate who stand solidly behind a state lottery and/or video gambling. But as far as I am concerned, any legislator or gubernatorial candidate who would encourage the state to get in the gambling business automatically disqualifies himself/herself.

Some of our elected officials see the lottery as the solution to the state's financial woes. One gubernatorial candidate has gone on record as supporting the lottery and designating at least 50 percent of lottery revenues for education, so I am told. A good way

to sell a bad product is to wrap it up in the prettiest paper. "Let's do it for education and our children," is the pretty wrapping on this sorry product.

But the lottery preys on the people least able to afford it. According to a survey taken in California between October 1986 and March 1988, those in the lowest income bracket spent the most money on lottery tickets.

Those who earned between \$7,743 and \$18,751 spent an average of \$116.94 on lottery tickets. But those in the \$34,131 to \$75,001 bracket spent only an average of \$53.42. So those who say a lottery doesn't prey on the poorest people are just whistling through their hats!

A recent Gallup poll revealed that 54 percent of those surveyed said they had bought lottery tickets in the last 12 months. This says that the lottery is popular, but that still doesn't make it right.

According to "Business Week," five percent of the U.S. population — 12 million people — have a gambling addiction; and they affect the lives of

## Baptist beliefs . . . Baptism — sacrament or symbol?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4.

Many people cite these verses as

nine million spouses and 18 million children.

How elected state officials can encourage a state to sponsor a business that destroys lives and homes is beyond me.

Contact your senator and representative now and let them know how you stand on this issue.

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teaching that baptism is a sacrament or necessary for salvation (see also Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:20-21). Others, including Baptists, see baptism as a symbol of what Jesus did for our salvation and what he does in us when we believe in him. It symbolizes Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection and our death and burial of the old life and resurrection of a new life in Christ. This view sees baptism, not as necessary for salvation but as a symbolic act following salvation — hence "believer's baptism."

The key words "into" translate eis which may mean into, with respect to, on the basis of, as the result of. In Matthew 12:41 it is translated "at" (KJV). The Ninevites did not repent in order that Jonah might preach, but as the result of his preaching. In Acts 2:38 this same word is rendered "for."

But again we should be baptized as the result of our sins already having been remitted. We even use "for" as result. "He was executed for murder." Not in order that he might murder, but as the result of his having murdered.

In I Peter 3:20-21 Noah and his family were not saved by being in the water. They were saved through the flood by being in the ark, which is a type of Christ.

"Baptism" (v. 21) does not translate baptisimos, the act of being baptized. In the New Testament it is never used for Christian baptism. It translates baptisma which denotes the meaning in the act — death, burial, resurrection (see above). Baptisma is not found in any Greek writing other than the New Testament and later Christian writings. Evidently, the Holy Spirit coined the word to denote the symbolic meaning in the act of baptism.

In this light Romans 6:3-4 may read "baptized with respect to Jesus Christ were baptized with respect to his death . . . we are buried with him by baptism with respect to death." We do not bury people in order to kill them, but because they are already dead.

Therefore, baptism is symbolic or a picture, not sacramental.

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## Reception honors Houstons

Pictured are Nolan and Ann Houston at a reception in their honor at First Church, Winona. Houston has just retired as director of missions for Carroll-Montgomery Baptist Association.

Gifts for the Houstons from the congregations include pearls and earrings for Mrs. Houston and a roll-top desk for Houston, along with a bound book of letters and a check for \$1,473.81.

Houston was born at Charleston; Ann, at Big Creek near Calhoun City. He has been pastor of churches in Louisiana, New Mexico, and Virginia, and was manager of Baptist Book Stores in Albuquerque and in Norfolk.

He returned to Mississippi in 1979 to take the director of missions post. He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist University and New Orleans Seminary.

The Houstons have three children, James Nolan, Patricia, and Rebecca Jean.

The joint administrative committee of the association sponsored the party. (Photo by Susie James, courtesy of the **Winona Times**.)

## Teleconference says "Missions is Masculine"

By Tim Yarbrough

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — While a truck stop might not be the first place Southern Baptists think of to spread the gospel, truck stop owner Jerry Brown of Oklahoma says it's just one example of a missions field ripe for harvest right in America.

"We're in the real life," Brown told viewers of the 1990 Baptist Men's Teleconference Jan. 21. Brown is a former Marine who operates a chapel ministry at his truck stop. The ministry results in up to 100 professions of faith in Christ each year.

"The average citizen who is in our local Southern Baptist church would not know what goes on out on the interstate highway system," Brown said. "In my heart I believe it's the greatest missions field in America. Everything that Satan has ever devised that has come out of the pit of hell is put on these truckers every day. As a result of that, it has caused me to love them even more."

The theme for the live telecast was "Missions is Masculine." Brown, along with Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission President James H. Smith and other guests, discussed the importance of the involvement of members of the Baptist Men organization in lay missions.

"This thing of volunteerism and personal involvement is on the increase," Smith said. "It's captured the imagination of so many, many men across our nation."

When laymen reach out to help others, the kingdom of God is glorified, Smith said.

"When we minister to needs in the lives of people, we immediately open the door so we can share the good news," he said.

Isaac Torres of Texas, a Mission Service Corps volunteer who coordinates missions projects in Mexico for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said men can rest in the pro-

mise that if God calls them to missions he will give them the tools to be effective.

"When God calls a person, we have to believe in his word that he will equip us," Torres said. "He never calls anybody that he's not going to use."

I believed on that, so he did the miracle in my life," Doug Knapp of Florida said men should learn to accept the call of missions, then let God do the rest of the work. Knapp is a former agricultural missionary to Tanzania who saw 60,000 professions of faith in Christ.

"We began by developing a demonstration farm to show modern crops and livestock. We cleared land," he said. "People were fascinated with what we were doing. That's what opened the door for us to begin to witness among them."

Adrian Burk of Massachusetts, a former National Football League quarterback who threw seven touchdown passes in one game and a former NFL referee, said his work as a Mission Service Corps volunteer is by far the most satisfying experience in his life.

God "was preparing me and my wife so that he could put us into a place and use us," Burk said. "We're not special people. I've had my name in the paper through my athletic background, but that doesn't mean anything at all when you go to a fellow up in New England and say I want to talk to you about the Lord. He wants to know what you have to say about Jesus."

Burk encouraged Baptist laymen to "make themselves available" to be used by God.

"You have to mean it," he said. "He'll take you and use you if you do mean it."

Tim Yarbrough writes for the Brotherhood Commission.

An administrative structure change in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was approved by the Executive Committee meeting in Jackson Monday. The change is effective Feb. 1.

The change involved promotions for three convention board employees and rearrangement of the administrative structure of the board.

The three promotions were for William Maxwell, Tim Nicholas, and Anne McWilliams. Maxwell, was promoted to director of accounting and personnel services. He had been supervisor of finance and accounting. Nicholas will be director of a newly organized Office of Communication. He had been associate editor of the **Baptist Record**. McWilliams will be associate editor of the **Record**. She had been assistant editor.

Maxwell, a native of Athens, Ga., is a graduate of Georgia College. He earned the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary and expects to complete work on a master of business administration degree from Millsaps College in May. He came to the board four years ago from a position as accounting assistant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

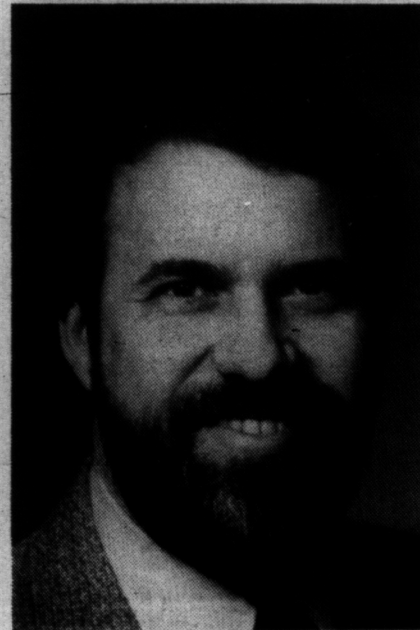
Nicholas was associate editor for 13 and a half years. Before that he was photo feature editor at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and earlier served in the U.S. Air Force. He is a graduate of Georgia State University. He earned the master of arts degree in communications from the University of Southern Mississippi and is a candidate for a doctor of philosophy degree in communications also from USM.

McWilliams has been on the staff of the **Baptist Record** since 1953. Earlier, she taught fourth grade in Fairfax, Ala. She is a graduate of Judson College and earned two master's degrees, one, a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary, and the other a master of arts degree in English from Mississippi College. She will be the first woman to serve as associate editor of the **Baptist Record**.

Maxwell and Nicholas will answer to Jennings Orr, who assumed the new title of business service division director. He had been called comptroller-business manager. Supervising Frank Simmons, manager of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, was added to Orr's responsibilities. Orr will also continue supervising management information services and maintenance.

Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer, took supervision of the Evangelism Department, Guy Henderson, director. And a slot for a half-time employee in evangelism was approved.

Program director Chester Vaughn will continue to supervise all the departments related to church programs, including Church Administra-



Tim Nicholas



Anne McWilliams

tion-Pastoral Ministries, Discipleship Training, Cooperative Missions, Brotherhood, Student Work, WMU, Church Music, and Sunday School.

And Causey, in addition to Orr, Vaughn, and Evangelism, will directly supervise Church-Minister Relations, Stewardship, and Broadcast Services.

The Committee also approved the moving of several programs from the Cooperative Missions Department. In terfaith Witness will move to Evangelism. Bivocational ministry and inservice guidance will go to Church Administration. World Missions Conferences will go to Brotherhood. And in-state summer missionary orientation will go to Student Work.

Causey, in recommending these changes, told the Executive Committee that he is not recommending changes that would cost more money. He said he is hoping for "a better job done for less money."

The Committee approved a recommendation from Causey concerning a "standard of excellence in administration." That standard, said Causey, will include on the part of convention board staffers a commitment to followup, accountability, coordination of activities, and better efficiency of time and money.

Concerning followup, Causey said, for instance, if there is a meeting to teach people to win others to Christ, "The question is, did someone win someone to Christ?"

In other business, the Executive Committee approved \$1,587.94 for repairs of a ditch digger at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, emergency repairs for a roof at the Baptist Student Center at Itawamba Community College with a permanent solution to problems of leaking presented to the next committee meeting, and



William Maxwell

several expenditures at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Those include \$24,750 for swimming pool repairs, \$4,421 for a Milnor Commercial Washing Machine, \$3,227.50 for defective fan coil unit valves, \$5,832 for replacing auditorium classrooms air conditioning unit, \$2,014 for an ice machine, and \$4,737 for the balance of costs for draperies.

The Committee also approved spending up to \$65,000 for several projects. Those projects include recovering the floor at the Yazoo Street building adjacent to the Baptist Building, and converting space in both buildings to accommodate several office changes. Included was conversion of a small kitchen area on the ground floor of the Baptist Building into a prayer room. The \$65,000 was left over from a \$90,000 amount set aside for removal of asbestos from the Yazoo Street building. That removal only cost \$25,000.



## 'God Shows No Partiality'

(Acts 10:34-35, RSV)



## Observe Race Relations Sunday

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## "All . . . are missionaries": Lewis at commissioning

By Mark Wingfield

ATLANTA (BP) — The call to salvation is a call to service, Larry Lewis told 47 newly appointed home missionaries and members of Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga.

Lewis, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, spoke at a missionary commissioning service at the suburban Atlanta church. The host church's pastor, Clark Hutchinson, is a member of the HMB board of directors and is its former chairman.

Lewis affirmed Eastside as "one of the great missionary-ministering churches in the nation."

In his charge to the missionaries, Lewis also challenged the congregation. Using Ephesians 4 as a text, he asked, "Is there anybody here who is not a missionary?"

He answered: "We are all missionaries to our communities, to our families. Every one of us is a missionary if we know the Lord."

He described the call to salvation and the call to Christian service as interrelated. Christians are saved to serve in the same way people are born to live, he said.

God's call is sometimes heard in an audible voice, but more often in simple ways, he noted.

God speaks through the voice of a lost world, he said — "the voice of a multitude of people crying out in the night, 'Come help me.'"

He challenged the congregation to imagine 200,000 people standing outside the church doors, representing the number of people added to the world's population in the previous 24 hours. Then he asked them to imagine 1.4 million people waiting in front of the church next Sunday, representing the number of people that would have been born in a week's time.

"Who's going to share the gospel with them if we don't?" he asked. "Every one of them is a precious soul for whom Christ died. Surely we must hear their cry."

Lewis also described a call from below — the cry from souls in hell to tell their loved ones of the judgment to come. He cited the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16 as an example, affirming it as a literal story.

"I don't think a person will be in hell 30 seconds until he's an evangelist," he said. "But it will be too late."

Lewis also cited a call from within. Even without an audible voice, God may be speaking through a simple impression, he said, explaining that such an impression can be validated if it is consistent, persistent, and insistent.

The 47 missionaries commissioned will work in 16 states and Canada as church starters, church and community ministers, evangelists, resort ministers, and associational directors of missions.

Mark Wingfield writes for the HMB.

## Aleshire has been named to new position

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — A Southern Seminary professor has been named associate director for accreditation at the primary accrediting agency of seminaries and divinity schools in North America.

Daniel O. Aleshire, professor of Christian education and director of seminary professional studies at the Louisville, Ky., school, will leave his

seminary duties July 31 to join the staff of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

Aleshire, 42, will be responsible for planning, administering and assessing the accrediting functions of the association. ATS is in the process of moving its headquarters from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

# Panamanian Baptists continue relief effort

By Bill Bangham

PANAMA CITY, Panama (BP) — In an upper room at their convention building, Panamanian Baptists sack foodstuffs for people affected by the American invasion in December.

Nine volunteers from four churches spend a Saturday morning parceling packages of rice, beans, coffee, oil, salt, sugar, milk, tuna, and flour into family allotments. This is Baptists' fourth food distribution since the military operation began Dec. 20. When completed, the relief effort will have aided more than 3,500 families.

The volunteers will need two weeks to break bulk-packaged goods into 1,300 family-size bundles, said Roberto Brunneau, a Baptist pastor and relief coordinator for Panama Metro Baptist Association.

The packages are small, enough to last a couple of days. But for families with little, the food means a lot. "And if more bulk food comes in, we'll distribute more," said Brunneau.

Only one family among the Baptist association's 46 churches and mission congregations lost a home in the fighting and the looting that followed the invasion. One life was lost among church members. The need for relief stems from the loss of jobs and income. The invasion and its aftermath devastated the already-crumbling Panamanian economy.

"We are trying to reach about 10 of the most needy families in each church and mission," said Alicia Ibanez, treasurer for the convention emergency committee. Each church decides which families receive the aid.

Baptist relief efforts began Dec. 23, the Saturday following the invasion. American troops found warehouse after warehouse filled with food, stashed during Manuel Noriega's rule, and released it to Panamanian churches and relief organizations for distribution.

Additional food was purchased with \$11,600 that Southern Baptist foreign missionaries had in reserve from previous crises, \$4,000 from Metro Association accounts and \$15,000 in hunger relief funds from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Food first was distributed from Redemption Baptist Church, on the edge of Panama City, while fighting continued in the city. It went to churches across the country. The second, third, and fourth distributions have been coordinated from the Baptist convention offices and have gone primarily to people in Panama City.

"That's where the need is now," said Ibanez.

Beyond food, most needs continue to be economic. Other than the one death and the loss of a home, Panamanian Baptists have suffered relatively little physically. One church was looted twice.

The biggest changes have been spiritual, observers said. Many Panamanians now have a feeling of possibility and hope for the future, they have told reporters.

As Panamanians pull their country back together, Southern Baptist missionary Wayne Wheeler hopes relief efforts will continue until people are back to work and can care for themselves. And he hopes other innovative efforts will be developed during this period. Among them are potential plans to offer small business loans to Baptist families.

Wheeler also believes now is a prime time for evangelism. Even before the invasion, Panamanian Baptists had planned simultaneous evangelistic crusades for Feb.

28-March 12. They will hold the crusades, with assistance from Southern Baptist volunteers and Brazilian Baptist evangelist Nilson Fanini.

Baptists also hope to mount a national evangelistic crusade in 1992 during the centennial celebration of the Panama Baptist convention.

Bill Bangham writes for the HMB.

## O'Brien will lecture at MC

CLINTON — William R. O'Brien, executive director of public affairs for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be delivering the Evangelism Lectures at Mississippi College, Feb. 12-14. The lectures are free and open to the public.



O'Brien

O'Brien will be speaking in chapel services in Swor Auditorium of Nelson Hall on Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. He will also be speaking at various classes and will be honored Monday evening at an invitation-only dinner.

## Black BSU retreat to take place Feb. 2-3

The Mississippi Black Baptist Student Retreat will take place Feb. 2-3 at Camp Garaywa, Clinton.

Featured speaker will be Victor Davis, director of black church relations for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Jerry Young, pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson, will lead in a biblical focus.

Special music will be brought by the Jackson State University Choir, the Rust College choir, and the Hinds, Utica choir.

Seminars during the program include "The Anti-Abortion/Pro-Choice Issues," "Drug Abuse in Our Society," "Understanding Baptist Beliefs," "How to Make BSU More Effective," and "How to Deal with Unsaved Family Members."

The weekend program begins at 5:30 on Friday with registration and concludes Saturday afternoon.

The retreat is supported by state mission offering, the Home Mission Board, and the Department of Student Work, MBCB.

## Renovation needed

Alton Cobb, state health officer, reports approval of a certificate of need for Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, for hospital renovation and parking relocation with a capital expenditure of \$17,376,880.

## Staff changes

James Netherland has been called as minister of music at Terry Road Church, Terry. He was previously minister of music at First Church, Pearl, and at Grandview Church, Rankin County.

# Evangelism Report

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	Churches Reporting	Gospel Presentations	Number of Conversions
Adams			
Alcorn	1	2	2
Attala			
Benton			
Bolivar			
Calhoun			
Carroll			
Chickasaw			
Choctaw			
Clarke			
Clay			
Copiah			
Covington	1	5	0
Franklin	16	5	0
George			
Greene			
Grenada			
Gulfcoast			
Hinds-Madison	2	17	5
Holmes			
Humphreys			
Itawamba			
Jackson	9	22	9
Jasper			
Jeff Davis	1	1	1
Jones			
Kemper			
Lafayette			
Lamar	3	10	3
Lauderdale	4	39	4
Lawrence			
Leake			
Lebanon	5	41	6
Lee			
Leflore			
Lincoln			
Lowndes	1	5	2
Marion			
Marshall			
Mississippi			
Monroe			
Montgomery			
Neshoba			
New Choctaw			
Newton			
North Delta			
Northwest	4	31	3
Noxubee			
Oktibbeha			
Panola			
Pearl River			
Perry			
Pike			
Pontotoc	4	5	5
Prentiss			
Rankin			
Scott			
Sharkey-Issaquena			
Simpson	2	8	6
Smith			
Sunflower			
Tallahatchie			
Tippah			
Tishomingo			
Union			
Union Co.	1	1	0
Walthall			
Warren			
Washington			
Wayne			
Webster			
Winston			
Yalobusha	2	18	2
Yazoo			



## WMU board meeting focuses on new leader, new missions strategies

By Susan Todd

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union executive board invested a new executive, updated its charter, adopted a new church missions program, and approved three staff positions in its Jan. 8-11 meeting.

Dellanna W. O'Brien was invested as the sixth national WMU executive director by WMU President Marjorie J. McCullough Jan. 9. The service represented the first time a WMU executive director was formally installed.

In an address to the board, McCullough affirmed the missions priority of the organization, which is almost 102 years old.

"I still believe our priority is missions, and it will have to stay missions," she said. "There are many demands being made on Baptist women today. These demands have placed us in a position of competition and some compromise. I'm not afraid of competition. We've had to be in competition for 100 years.

"We do need to be on guard and be constantly aware that missions education is what we are here to do. Compromise does concern me."

While WMU must look for ways to be flexible, it cannot compromise to the point that it loses its missions purpose, she said.

"We must be on guard and find new ways to get the message of missions in the church and the message himself, Jesus Christ, out of the

church and into the community and world," she said.

WMU is unique in holding auxiliary status in the Southern Baptist Convention, McCullough said. However, WMU always has cooperated within the convention and should continue to do so, she added.

During the meeting, board members voted to replace the charter's declaration of incorporation with articles of amendment. The change was made to clarify WMU's tax-exempt status. WMU has functioned under the tax-exempt status of the Southern Baptist Convention. Under the articles, WMU will apply for its own tax-exempt status.

Changes in the bylaws were proposed by the board's bylaws committee for consideration at the WMU annual meeting in New Orleans June 10-11. These changes will bring the bylaws in line with the organization's charter.

Proposed bylaw changes include the requirement that the WMU national president must have served previously on the WMU executive board.

A new churchwide missions program named CONTACT was approved by the board. CONTACT is an acronym for Christians Obeying Now The Actions Christ Taught.

CONTACT is a 12-week adult missions growth plan for use by individuals or groups.

Three national staff positions were approved by the board: assistant to

the executive director/financial adviser, information systems assistant, and records assistant/missionary housing coordinator.

As soon as the records assistant/missionary housing coordinator position is filled, WMU will assume from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board the responsibility of helping furloughing missionaries find housing. Because home missionaries do not have furloughs, WMU will seek free or reduced-rate housing for their vacations.

In another decision, board members by a 2-1 margin declined to become an official sponsor of lay renewal. Lay renewal is a program sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission to encourage spiritual renewal among the laity.

In other business, the board:

— Seated Pauline Shiroma, president of Hawaii's WMU, as its newest voting member.

— Allocated \$30,000 for research into WMU membership patterns and magazine circulation.

— Transferred \$165,000 from the capital budget to the operating budget to purchase computers for the national headquarters staff.

The next meeting of the WMU executive board will be June 9 in New Orleans.

Susan Todd writes for WMU, SBC.

## "We mustn't overlook 'angry' women"

By Susan Todd

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — The most revolutionary change taking place in society today is the changing role of women, said a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board researcher.

"It is evident that our opinions regarding the role of women are in transition, and emotions are high on many of the underlying issues," said Orrin Morris, director of the HMB research division.

Morris spoke to the national executive board of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union during its Jan. 8-11 meeting and elaborated on the implications of his research findings in an interview following the presentation.

The most important recent finding regarding the changing role of women is "the 10 to 15 percent of angry women" in the country, Morris said.

These include the woman who today feels less respected as a woman than she did 15 years ago; the woman who feels a husband should turn down a career advancement for him if it means relocation and having to leave her career; and the woman who believes the husband should give up his job if she gets a job demanding relocation.

The women who are "angry" also insist on a woman boss and strongly disagree with the statement, "It is better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family."

The 10 percent to 15 percent of women who fall into the category of angry women constitute what Morris described as "a critical mass." These 8 million to 12 million women are the equivalent of all women age 18 and over in Louisiana, Mississippi,

Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

"In light of the strong negative views regarding men held by these women, it is highly likely that most of these women will not hear and respond to the gospel unless witnessed to by a woman," Morris said.

"When we consider Bold Mission Thrust, we are saying, 'Let everyone, every person in the United States have an opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.' Now the big issue is: Can we? Will we?" Morris said.

"What do they (the 10-15 percent of 'angry' women) care about church, as long as it is male-dominated? These women will not be reached by the 'traditional Southern Baptist church doing things in the traditional manner.'"

10-15 percent of women in U.S. are "angry women."

Other of Morris' research findings include:

— A majority of women began to feel an improvement in societal respect for them in the late 1970s. However, 18 percent of women and 15 percent of men feel women were less respected in 1985 than they were in 1970, Morris said.

— Most women still fight for the right to get a job, but they will not exercise that option for the sake of everyone in the family — unless economics demands it.

— The issue of women's rights extends to the right to have a career. In 1977, 60 percent of women agreed

a wife's career was secondary to her husband's. By 1986, only 37 percent of women agreed with this stance.

Susan Todd writes for WMU.

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M.C. Johnson visits with some of the youth of Evangelical Redeemer Baptist Church in Cipolletti, Argentina, where he served six weeks as a volunteer.

## Johnson sets up crisis center in Argentina

North Delta and Tallahatchie Baptist Associations' Director of Missions M. C. Johnson went to Argentina last year to help with a crisis — several crises, actually.

Johnson had been invited to help in setting up a crisis center for the Evangelical Redeemer Baptist Church in Cipolletti. This was a return trip, for Johnson had gone there in 1985 while participating in the Mississippi Partnership with Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay.

Johnson spent six weeks in the area from late October to early December, developing the crisis ministry, preaching, and teaching conversational English.

The English classes were to children, youths, and adults. He taught two classes of adults to in turn teach English as a second language. One of those classes he taught from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Johnson reported he preached 22 times during his visit "and witnessed 53 people coming to know the Lord." The Evangelical Redeemer Baptist Church, which has about 300 members, sponsors four missions and "it was my privilege to bring the message at the constitution service of one of the missions," he said.

Johnson said he knew of the spirit of the people when he was met at the airport by the pastor Roberto Bereta and 15 members of the church. He

stayed two weeks each in the homes of three church families.

Concerning the crisis ministry, Johnson said, "We set up a counseling service for work among those who have been divorced, abused wives and children, the alcoholics and drug abusers, as well as with unwed mothers, and marriage problems." He said a clothing and food distribution ministry was begun, as well as a tutoring program for school children which will be done by high school and college students.

A physician, Schaner Serria, will be at the center two days a week with a nurse there five days. A dentist will be there twice a month. These medical services will be donated to those who cannot pay. The hospitals in Argentina are free — when one can get in, and most of them stay full, said Johnson.

Johnson spoke of a warm reception during his visit, hearing often the saying "Your home is my home." He said that during his stay in Argentina, there was a 29 percent inflation — a Ford Falcon, he said cost about \$18,000. He was able to visit with several missionaries, including Rick Carter, former music professor at Holmes Community College.

Johnson noted that the churches of the North Delta and Tallahatchie Associations made his trip possible and paid his salary while he was away.

## Senior Adult Corner

Molly Fairchild and her puppet, "Gramps," will speak at the Valentine sweetheart luncheon for Lebanon Association's senior adults, to be held at Providence Church, Hattiesburg, on Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. They will also speak to senior adults of Byram Church, at their sweetheart banquet, 7 p.m., Feb. 16.

Among these will be a father-daughter banquet at Macedonia Church, Hattiesburg, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.; Calvary, New Augusta, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.; Pine View, Hattiesburg, Feb. 14, 6 p.m.; Sunrise, Hattiesburg, Feb. 10, at 8:30; and Baptist Mission, Wiggins, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Fairchild may be addressed at P. O. Box 188, Moselle, Miss. 39459 (phone 544-4420).



Molly and Gramps



# 'Every day we find a different way to cope'

By Tim Nicholas

Scotti Doler first noticed something was wrong when she found herself out of breath climbing one flight of stairs.

But she was recovering in mid-1988 from the Caesarean delivery three months earlier of her daughter and she thought she was just out of shape.

Her husband Jon had just become pastor of First Church, Leland; and the move from Raleigh where he had been pastor of First Church there was exhausting.

But her energy didn't return. She fainted while walking with a friend.

Doctors hoped it was blood clots from her surgery. But by December of 1988, the diagnosis was primary pulmonary hypertension, a deadly condition that strikes only about two in a million, mostly women of child-bearing age.

The 35-year-old mother of three faced a prognosis of both heart and lungs wearing out because of too high blood pressure in the lungs.

"It's like beating your fist against a wall," said Jon. "eventually it gets tired and quits."

The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., tried a drug that helped the blood pressure for about six weeks then stopped working. Now Scotti's only chance is a heart-lung transplant. And so they wait for word.

Word, when it comes, will be from the Presbyterian Hospital at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where the Doler were referred from the Mayo Clinic and which has experience in transplanting the three organs.

When word arrives, Scotti has about four hours to get to the operating table in Pittsburgh — a long trip with a critical deadline. The donated organs must be implanted in Scotti quickly. So her trip must be without delay.

But the Doler shouldn't have to



Scotti and Jon Doler

worry about transportation, thanks to the ministry developed by a layman at First Church, Leland. Over a cup of coffee, Jon told Cooper DeLoach of the transportation dilemma. DeLoach, a retired insurance salesman and a pilot who is a volunteer with the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Unit, began organizing for the trip.

So far, he's lined up eight corporate and private jet aircraft to take Scotti to Pittsburgh when the time comes. He is connected to Jon by a beeper and when he gets the call, he'll begin contacting the pilots to see which can do the job quickest. He has a conference line set up to talk with five pilots at the time. Flight plans for all

eight are pre-filed from the Greenville airport about 10 miles away from Leland.

"I've tried to cut every corner," said DeLoach, who also has the Leland police chief ready to provide an escort to Greenville if necessary. The Greenville airport has made the Doler flight a priority.

"When I needed to do this," said Jon, "I couldn't handle it emotionally. He (DeLoach) took off and basically coordinated the whole thing."

Added DeLoach, who is working on lining up two or three more planes, "We've got people really excited about wanting to help somebody."

The Leland church "has been super," said Jon. The church has voted

medical leave with pay for Jon to take whenever necessary. They've brought food, volunteered to babysit. "There are several pairs of adoptive grandparents around," said Scotti. The church even had a special prayer meeting for the Doler during one of their trips to the Mayo Clinic.

Until June of 1987, Doler had carried private insurance rather than the Southern Baptist Annuity Board's program through Aetna. "Had I not done that we would have been looking at a tremendous out of pocket expense," said Jon. Also, First Church, Leland, has covered recent increases in Jon's medical insurance costs in addition to a cost of living increase.

Meantime, Scotti lives quietly. She can go out to eat or to a movie; but she can't do housework, or stoop to pick up a toy, or pick up their children. She's on four medications. She supervises a housekeeper and Jon shops and gets the kids to and from school. "Mr. Mom" Scotti affectionately called him.

"It's a gradual thing," said Scotti. "Every week or every day we find a different way of coping."

She said she gets help from prayer, searching the scriptures, and the support of Christian friends. "I don't know how anybody would get through this without those types of things."

"The Lord takes care of you in very difficult circumstances," said Scotti. "She said that people look after her needs "even before I'm aware of the need."

She said she grew up being very active. She said her enforced inactivity made her feel she couldn't do anything for God. "I've come to realize the reason for God's making me was to have fellowship with him. I don't have to bring anything."

Jon said he has learned a number

## An organ donor?

Jon and Scotti Doler, awaiting a heart-lung transplant for Scotti, have learned about how organ donations work. In Mississippi people can place their intent to donate on the back of their driver's license or in their wills.

But organ donation must be done within a short time after death. Says Scotti, "By the time they look at your driver's license or your will, maybe it's too late."

The couple suggest that a potential donor have a talk with family members, telling them of one's wishes.

"Only 15 percent of people who could donate, actually donate organs," says Jon. "Two years ago, I wouldn't have thought of being an organ donor. Now, I would want to be."

of things not to say to someone who has serious illness in the family or is experiencing grief. "I've made a list," he said, quoting one of the ill-conceived phrases: "God won't put on you more than you can handle." Scotti said one person told Jon, "Isn't it great it happened to a pastor — you can handle this."

From Jon's reading on grief, he said he's learned that "you recognize you are limited and God is with you regardless of what you go through." He adds, "and that some things happen that you don't bring on yourself."

When friends or relatives are experiencing grief, said Jon, "The best thing you can do is put your arm around them and tell them you love them."

## Church of All Nations paves road to the whole world

BATON ROUGE, La (BP) — "What is this book?" the Chinese man asked, pointing to the Bible on the table. "I have never seen this book."

"What are these numbers?" he inquired, referring to the indicated chapters and verses. Then, pointing to the name on the open page, he asked, "And who is Jesus?"

Like many others who have visited Calvary Baptist Church of the Nations in Baton Rouge, La., the man from China was a visiting scholar at Louisiana State University who had never heard the gospel. A friend, also Chinese, who had accepted Christ while attending the international mission, had invited him to Bible study.

Others have visited from such countries as Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, India, Kenya, Morocco, France, Chile, Cuba, Brazil, Iran, and the Virgin Islands. The majority of them return to their countries after completing their studies or assignments in the United States.

"It is our hope that they will take the gospel of Christ back to their countries with them," said Allen Paine, pastor of Church of the Nations and a student in the Doctor of Theology degree program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. "We may not always see the harvest of them coming to know Christ while they are here, but at least seeds are being planted."

Because of such a transient nature,

Church of the Nations' membership is small, currently seven; but more than 80 percent of the 25 to 40 people who attend are not Christians. Some must cross cultural, political and even religious barriers to make a decision; and for others, the choice to follow Christ may mean persecution.

Paine, a native of Baton Rouge, said most of those who attend "begin coming because we speak in very simple English and try to help them learn the language. Also, many of those who attend from areas of Asia have been taught that Christianity is a Western religion; and as newcomers to the United States, they want to learn all they can about our culture."

"Many of them, however, after attending a few times, continue to come because they want to hear more about Jesus."

A Japanese woman with a Buddhist background began attending more than a year ago. The more she saw the Christian life lived out in a close friend, a Japanese member of the mission, the more she realized Jesus' reality. She listened intently to the Bible studies and sermons, and read the New Testament through three times in a period of only a few months.

During her recent baptism at Church of the Nations, she told those gathered, "As I read the Bible and learned of God's love, it was as water flooding the dry desert of my heart."

The three-year-old mission is spon-

sored by University Baptist Church in Baton Rouge. Currently, two couples from that church, Ted and Izora Holmes, and Jim and Mary Ellen Colvin, help teach Bible study.

Among its other functions, Church of the Nations holds an International Student Night at the beginning of each school semester to introduce new students and their families to the church; an International Coffee House twice a month, hosted by area churches; and occasional trips. The purpose of these functions is to allow the internationals to hear about Christ in a non-threatening environment. Many who attend these functions would not normally attend a church service.

In a current MasterLife course for Christians taught by the pastor's wife are women from Chile, Malaysia and Japan. All but one are members of Church of the Nations and each has expressed her desire to teach the discipleship course in her native country.

"It is so exciting to me to think that here in Baton Rouge we are paving the way for disciples all over the world," said Paine's wife, Breena, daughter of medical missionaries to Paraguay, W. Thomas and Judith Kent. "The goal of foreign missions has always been to train native leaders to keep the church work going; Calvary Baptist Church of the Nations is trying to do just that."



## Lynn Ray Road sponsors church in India

The First Baptist Church of Parasala, India. It is sponsored by Lynn Ray Road Baptist Church, Petal, and Union Baptist Church, Picayune.





## Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



### MC chooses first student for exchange with U.S.S.R.

Be it Bengali or English, Tim Young can converse in either. Now he plans to learn Russian.

The 20-year-old Mississippi College student will travel in September to Kazakhstan in the Soviet Union, for his senior year as part of an exchange program with Kazakh State University. He will be the first to represent Mississippi College in the exchange program.

The exchange program was formed through an agreement between the Ministry of People's Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Cooperative Services International Educational Consortium of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. Mississippi College is a member of the consortium.

Traveling is not new to Tim Young. Born in Mississippi, he grew up in Bangladesh, the son of James and Guinevere Young, Southern Baptist missionaries; he studied in boarding school in India. A history major, he said he plans to pursue a career in the foreign service or international law.

In Kazakhstan, he will take an intensive nine-month Russian language study course. Also he will do study projects in intercultural communications and in his major area. He said he is excited about this venture and that he sees it as a wonderful opportunity to know another language and about other cultures.

Last week, Jan. 22-24, three Soviets from Kazakhstan visited the college in Clinton to complete details and sign the agreement. They were Rashid Sarsenov, deputy minister of education for the Republic of Kazakhstan; Serik Proliev, chief of foreign affairs for the Ministry of Education; and Irina Trofimova, senior lecturer of physics and English at Kazakh State University, who acted as interpreter. Before coming to Mississippi, the three had visited some of the other Baptist institutions which are also involved in the exchange program. They had been to Grand Canyon College, Baylor University, Louisiana College,

and Ouachita University, and planned to stop at Anderson College before returning to the USSR.

The exchange is to be on a non-currency basis. That is, the American student will pay fees in his country, and the Soviet student in his country, so that no money will be exchanged internationally. Eight CSIEC colleges had already made a commitment to provide a full exchange scholarship, including a transportation cost from the port of entry, for a Soviet student, before negotiations with Kazakhstan began last summer.

Kazakhstan, second largest of the Soviet republics (second only to Russia), borders on the Caspian Sea. It is near the USSR-China border — and is also near Azerbaijan, the scene of recent battles. Kazakh State University is in Alma Ata (City of Apples), capital city of Kazakhstan.

Following Young, three other Mississippi College students are to spend nine months each studying in Kazakhstan. One Soviet student will stay the whole four years at Mississippi College, to work on an undergraduate degree. Sarsenov said that the student who speaks the best English will likely be the one chosen to come to the U.S.A., and that he thinks the first to come will be a young man.

A news bulletin from CSIEC states

that faculty and/or research exchanges will also be a part of this program as well as exchanges of performing music groups and lecturers.

Though this is Mississippi College's first time to send an exchange student to the USSR, the school has had an exchange program with the University of Mainz, Germany, for 25 years. Too, the college offers a program for study abroad. This semester, 15 students from the campus are studying in London, England.

The exchange is designed not only to expand educational opportunities between students in the two nations but also to help develop mutual understanding between the people of the USSR and the USA.

"There will be no restrictions on Tim Young's witnessing or other religious activities in Kazakhstan," said Larry Cox, assistant to the president of Mississippi College. They understand the religious connection (the CSI's connection with the Foreign Mission Board), but have set no restrictions, he said.

In fact, Sarsenov said during a news conference at Mississippi College, "We deliberately chose the small, private, Baptist schools because they are all very high, spiritually. I think these are the best institutions for our students to come to."



Tim Young, center, is the son of James, left, and Guinevere, right, Young, Southern Baptist missionaries to Bangladesh, who are now on furlough and living in Clinton.

### Missionary cleared in Tanzanian's death

By Craig Bird

IRINGA, Tanzania (BP) — Village elders and preliminary police reports have cleared Southern Baptist missionary James Gibson of responsibility in the accidental death of a Tanzanian man Jan. 14.

Gibson and his wife, Harriett, of Memphis, Tenn., had to flee a stone-throwing crowd after their car struck and killed a pedestrian in the Tanzanian village of Kanangozi.

"All at once we saw a man directly in front of our car," Mrs. Gibson said. "James slammed on his brakes, but we couldn't stop before we struck him."

The couple's car had not been running properly in the hours immediately preceding the evening accident and they had been stopping every 10 miles to clean the fuel filter.

When villagers responding to the crash began throwing rocks, the Gibsons quickly decided to get to the nearest police station, in the town of

Iringa, and report the accident.

The Gibsons' car ran long enough to get them away from the stone-throwing villagers before stalling again. After three hours, it limped to the edge of Iringa before quitting completely. They walked some before calling a taxi and arrived at the police station after midnight in Iringa, where he is business manager of the Baptist conference center and she is a nurse.

Authorities notified the Gibsons Jan. 17 that elders in the village had given a statement that the accident was unavoidable and that police had filed a similar report. The couple helped arrange a post-mortem examination of the victim and payment of burial expenses.

The incident was the second time in two months that Southern Baptist missionaries have been involved in fatal accidents in Tanzania.

In November, Tim Tidenberg, a

missionary church developer in Dar es Salaam, was charged in the death of a 6-year-old boy who ran into the side of his moving vehicle. The charges later were dismissed.

"We request prayers for the (unmarried) young man's relatives and for ourselves," Mrs. Gibson said. "We were not physically hurt but are emotionally drained. We asked if the man were a Christian and were assured by some of his acquaintances that he was."

Craig Bird is a missionary journalist.

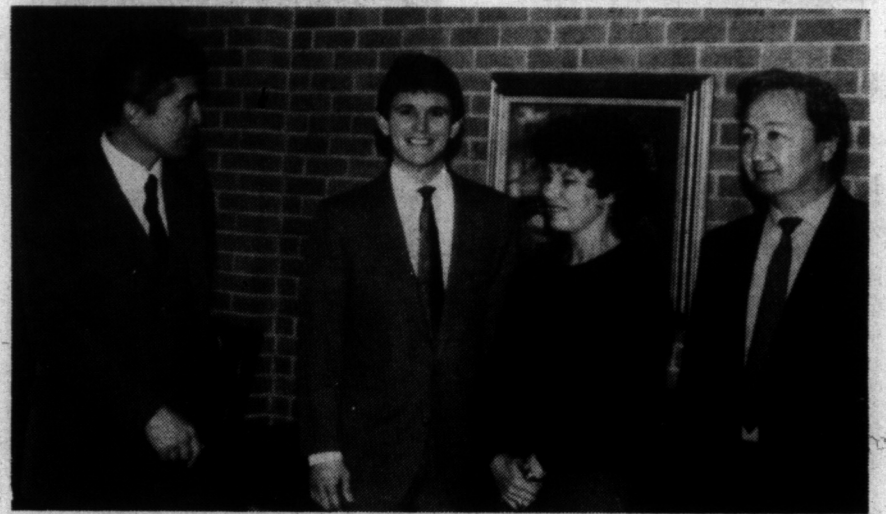
"Professor," said the old grad at the class reunion, "we want to do something for the college. In what studies did I excel?"

"In my class," replied the professor, "you slept most of the time."

"A good suggestion," said the old grad, unabashed. "I'll build a dormitory."

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Rashid Sarsenov, left, Irina Trofimova, and Serik Proliev, all of Kazakhstan, USSR, talk with Tim Young, Mississippi College junior who will begin studies this fall at Kazakh State University.



Rashid Sarsenov, during a luncheon at Mississippi College, signs the agreement for an exchange program. The agreement is between the Republic of Kazakhstan and Cooperative Services International Educational Consortium. Mississippi College is a member of the consortium. Behind Sarsenov are Lewis Nobles, right, president of Mississippi College, who also signed the agreement, and Larry Cox, assistant to the president, Mississippi College.

### Baptist schools grow for 8th straight year

By Tim Fields

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist colleges and universities showed an overall increase in fall enrollment for the eighth consecutive year, according to figures released to the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Enrollment figures for the 1989 fall semester show 109,035 students attended Southern Baptist junior and senior colleges, a four percent increase over the 1988 total of 104,846.

The enrollment figures include both full-time and part-time students in college credit courses but do not include students enrolled in non-credit courses. Student totals were released to the commission by each school.

For the first time, the fall 1989 total includes students enrolled at Florida Baptist Theological College in Graceville, which changed from a Bible school to a four-year senior college in November 1988.

A compilation of the figures shows that 33 of the 48 senior colleges had an increase in enrollment ranging from 23.8 percent to 0.1 percent, while two of the four junior colleges had increased enrollments ranging from 4.2 percent to 1.1 percent.

Averett College in Danville, Va., had the largest percentage increase, with 23.8 percent.

Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., showed the largest numerical increase, with 625 addi-

tional students.

Baylor University in Waco, Texas, remains the largest Southern Baptist university, with 11,774 students, followed by Mercer University, Macon/Atlanta, 5,856 students and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., 5,264 students.

The 1989 fall enrollment figures and percentage of increase or decrease from fall 1988 to fall 1989 at Mississippi Baptist colleges is:

— Mississippi. Blue Mountain College, 347, up 4.2 percent; Mississippi College, 3,605, up 1.8 percent; William Carey College, 1,624, down 15.9 percent.

### Palm Beach Atlantic named in trust

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (BP) — Palm Beach Atlantic College has signed a trust agreement with an anonymous donor who has named the college as a 40 percent participant in a \$35 million charitable remainder trust, announced president Claude H. Rhea.

The agreement will go into effect upon the death of the donor.

Forty percent of the income from the \$35 million trust will go for endowed scholarships in the donor's name, Rhea said.



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## Holmes BSU to sponsor Christian Emphasis Week

The Holmes Community College Baptist Student Union will sponsor Christian Emphasis Week on the Goodman campus, Feb. 5-7. The speaker will be Jerry Pipes of Brandon, founder of Completeness Ministries. He will be joined by Eric Barron of Olive Branch, who will lead the music.

Sessions will be at 7 p.m. and at 9:20 a.m. on the 6th. There will be a special youth emphasis at 7 p.m. on the 7th; all area youth groups are invited. The cost is free.

H. Todd Prather is director, Holmes Community College Baptist Student Union.

## \$10 million to Baylor

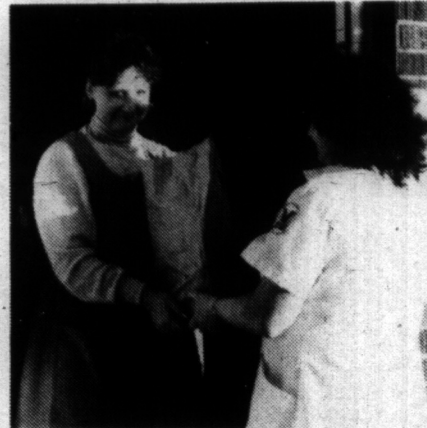
WACO, Texas (BP) — Baylor University has received a \$10 million gift from Houston Endowment Inc. that will be used for new facilities and an academic chair, university officials said.

## WMU bylaws may be revised

Some revisions in the Bylaws of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union need to be made. WMU Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been published in two issues of the Baptist Record at least one month before the WMU annual meeting and has also been submitted in writing to the Executive Board at its last semi-annual meeting.

Suggested changes, approved by the WMU Executive Board, follow:

ARTICLE III — Relationships



## Clarke student wives assist fellow students

The Clarke College Student Wives' Organization renders a service to fellow students which not only aids them financially, but provides a special means for social contact and warm student relations. As newly married students arrive on campus, SWO members deliver gifts of staple groceries to their homes and invite them to become members of this organization. Sponsor of SWO is Mrs. Faye Ruddick. Pictured above is Mrs. Vickie Rigdon (right) as she delivers groceries to Mrs. Joan Walls.

## "Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You" — revivals theme

"Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You," is the theme for the simultaneous revivals that will be held March 18-25 in North Mississippi and April 1-8 in South Mississippi.

Simultaneous revivals are sponsored by the Evangelism Department, MBCB. Guy Henderson is director.

"A simultaneous revival is an evangelistic effort in which churches in an area cooperate in a soul-winning emphasis to touch their community," said Henderson. Churches begin and close their revival meetings on the same day (eight days for Here's Hope). During simultaneous revivals, churches plan, promote, participate, and pray together to reach the same objectives, he noted.

The historical record of what simultaneous revivals have accomplished and the potential for im-

pacting an area spiritually are evident. True revival is dependent on God, and a simultaneous revival meeting can be his instrument for spiritual renewal.

"Four years ago 70 percent of our churches participated in a Simultaneous Revival resulting in a five percent increase in baptisms. In the Here's Hope Simultaneous Revival the goal is for 75 percent of our churches to be in revival in March and April," says Henderson.

Approximately 82 US-2ers — college graduates serving as missionaries for a two-year term — work on home mission fields.

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## Staff changes



Priest

Mike Priest recently accepted the call to Ford's Creek Church, Pearl River Association. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and is attending New Orleans Seminary working toward a master of divinity degree.

First Church, Cleveland, has called Ricky L. Young of Pontotoc as minister of youth (college and singles). He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

First Church, Glendale, Hattiesburg, has called Tim Smith, a native of Pelahatchie, as minister of youth. He previously served First Church, Soso, and will graduate in May from University of Southern Mississippi.

First Church, Glendale, Hattiesburg, has called Steve Howard as minister of music, effective Jan. 3. Howard is also director of computer services at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville. He previously served Sandy Hook Church in Marion County. He received his education from Pearl River Community College, Louisiana Tech University, and University of Southern Mississippi.

## Carl Dubuisson, Gulfshore employee, retires

Carl Dubuisson, an employee of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, retired effective Dec. 31, 1989. He started work at Gulfshore on March 1, 1978, and completed 11½ years of service.

Dubuisson was the first maintenance employee hired at the new facility upon completion of the Phase I construction project that was built during 1976-1978. Freddie Cook, maintenance supervisor at Gulfshore, hired Dubuisson during the time that the facility was being prepared for the first summer of post-Camille activity. His job title was equipment repairman and adequately describes a myriad of duties performed by Dubuisson during his employment at Gulfshore.

Dubuisson is a native of the Pass Christian area, having been born in Cuevas, MS. He owned a service station in Long Beach for about 4 years, and also was employed at Sears in the service center for 12 years.

He and his wife, Fay, have four children and 10 grandchildren. They are active in the Riverside Baptist Church in Pass Christian, where he is chairman of the deacons, Sunday School superintendent, and is on the board of trustees.



Sunday, January 7, 1990, was declared Susan Horton Appreciation Day by Sebastopol Church. Horton has served there as music director since June, 1986. The Sunday morning worship hour included special music in her honor, testimonies of appreciation, and a money tree presented by Carl Myers, chairman of deacons. John Sharp is pastor.



Rienzi Church, Alcorn Association, recently gave Sunday School perfect attendance pins to first row, left to right, Jamie Marecle, David Palmer, Jared Cooper, Jonathan Cooper, and April Johnson. Second row, left to right, Walter Perry, Sunday School director, Brandon Harwood, Trint Baggett, Jana Johnson, and Charlie Cooper, pastor.

Moody Adams of Baker La., will be speaking at Flag Chapel Church on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. He is the author of Aids, You Just Think You Are Safe.

Terry Road Church, Terry, will feature Cecil Harper, ordained to preach after retirement age, for the morning message, Feb. 4, which will be Lively Livers day. The Lively Livers is the senior adult group at the church. James Netherland will lead music. Henry Bennett is pastor.

The Children's Choir of Salem Church, Collins, will present the musical, "Get On Board, Children," by Janette Smart and Terry Camrey, on Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. The musical is being directed by Gwen Hitt; the accompanist is Angel Gibson. Melinda Pritchett and Tara McBeth are assistants to the director.

The choir members are Jennifer Beasley, Amy Bishop, Reuben Bishop, Christy Clark, Becky Ellis, Jenny Ellis, Mary Ellis, Caroline Ezell, Jamie Johnson, Jay Johnson, Collin Jones, Lee Ann McRaney, Misty Pritchett, Dori Sims, Amy Ward, and Scott Ward.

Assisting with staging and costuming are Henry Rogers, Kyle Jones, and Monica McRaney.

There will be a reception following the performance.

"New Dimension" from Blue Mountain College will be in concert at West End Church, West Point, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. The admission is free. If any questions, call 494-2137.

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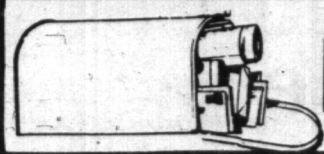


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## The life of Foy Rogers

Editor:

The death of Foy Rogers has been an occasion for my reflecting on the contributions of this man to myself and to Mississippi Baptists. The years when I knew him best were those when he served with the Cooperative Missions Department.

Dr. Rogers was committed to the growth and development of directors of missions in Mississippi. Through his annual training program at Camp Garaywa I came under the influence of Porter Routh, Albert McClellan, Garland Hendricks, Carl Clark, Wendell Belew, Lloyd Corder, and many other leaders. These men made a significant impact on my life; and through other directors of missions, they helped provide direction to Mississippi Baptists on the local scene during years of transition and tension. Whenever someone impressed Dr. Rogers constructively, he made an effort to share that leader with directors of missions.

Another approach to increasing the competency of directors of missions was made through transporting these men to out of state training events. He arranged for trips to the Sunday School Board, the Home Mission Board, the WMU offices in Birmingham, Ridgecrest, and to areas where mission work was being conducted effectively in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Dr. Rogers had respect for everybody and genuinely loved people. His programs were democratic and involved many participants from all size churches and associations. He was a strong advocate for the small church, the rural church, and the ministry of the Home Mission Board. Whatever weakness I considered him to have in methods and leadership style fades from my mind as I stand amazed at the impact this man's life has made on me and on Mississippi Baptists. I thank the Lord for his handiwork in the life of Dr. Foy Rogers.

George F. Lee  
director of missions  
Marion, Walthall, Lawrence

## Guideposts ad

Editor:

I was very concerned to see the full-page ad for Guideposts magazine in the Jan. 11 issue of the Baptist Record. It is through the work of people like Norman Vincent Peale that many false teachings are being accepted in the church today. His "power of positive thinking" philosophy is nothing more than New Age religion with enough Christianity mixed in to make it seem acceptable. Peale has said, "Your unconscious mind... (has a) power that turns wishes into realities when the wishes are strong enough." He also credits Ernest Holmes, founder of Science of the Mind, with making him into a positive thinker. Holmes teaches that man, by thinking, can bring into his experience whatsoever he desires. This type of thinking has become the major link between sorcery and our modern world. As Southern Baptists, we must become more spiritually discerning and not allow our publications to be used in promoting paganism.

Deborah Waddell  
Brandon

## Applications for DOM

Editor:

The director of missions search committee of Alcorn Baptist Association requests that anyone interested in submitting resumes to be considered to fill the recently vacated position of director of missions in Alcorn Baptist Association should mail them to:

Dr. Kara Blackard, Chairman  
Director of Missions Search  
Committee  
Rt. 4, Box 220  
Corinth, MS 38834

Persons who submitted resumes after November 16, 1989 should resubmit them to the Search Committee at the above address. All resumes must be received no later than March 1, 1990. No name will be considered without the submission of a resume to the DOM Search Committee.

Dennis H. Smith, Corinth

## The hospital ministry

Editor:

It is widely recognized that pastors live rather public lives with limited privacy. Perhaps it will not be regarded as altogether inappropriate, therefore, if I write in this public manner about an experience that really is quite private.

I recently spent 19 days in the diabetic unit of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. No less than 30 people were directly involved in my care. Each person was a professional in his or her own area. Every one of them, without exception, was superbly competent, kind, attentive, and amazingly thoughtful. The trauma of my particular surgery was eased greatly by the concern and loving care with which these second-mile people supported me.

Having visited others in Baptist Hospital thousands of times, I long have been amazed at the quality of personal and individual care which the staff members of this hospital provide to patients and their families. Ruth and I now have been beneficiaries of the marvelous Christian ministry.

I am proud of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. I am grateful, indeed, to Mississippi Baptist people for their vision, prayers, and support in making possible this Christian hospital dedicated to healing humanity's hurt — yours and mine.

Joe H. Tuten  
Jackson

## Guideposts ad

Editor:

I am writing you in regards to the endorsement of Guideposts magazine in the January 11, 1990 edition of the Baptist Record.

I know this magazine may seem like good reading material and many well-meaning, good Christians read and write articles for this magazine. However, I personally do not feel the philosophies of this magazine such as "miracle potential in your own life," "tested methods for developing courage, strength and positive attitudes" should warrant a full page in our paper. Personally, I do not feel it needs to be in our paper at all.

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This question was answered by Thomas Mitchell who is the field representative at Mississippi Baptist Chemical Dependency Center.

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# When God grants victory to his people

By N. Allan Moseley  
Joshua 10:1-12:24

There is much talk today in the pulpit and pew about "victory," and that term carries different meanings to different people in different contexts. There is no doubt, however, that God was granting victory to his people under Joshua's leadership as they launched military campaigns throughout Canaan. Theirs was not a nebulous, ideological victory, but was physical and measurable. The results of their victories were plain for all to see — burned, looted cities, and defeated armies.

God has not called the New Testament Church to geographical conquest, but there are spiritual battles to be fought (e.g. Eph. 6:10-19). In this section of Joshua there are some requirements for victory from which we can draw lessons for our own warfare. Obviously there were some things that these Hebrews were doing right in order to enjoy the blessing of God, in contrast with the former generation that was not allowed to receive the land. What were the requirements for victory they were meeting?

First, it is important to remember that they



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were following God's plan. It was God's will that his people would inhabit Canaan; he had promised it to Abraham five centuries before Joshua (Gen. 15:16). Victory in the life of the believer is experienced only within the parameters of the will of God. To be outside the will of God is sin; and sin leads to suffering, not victory.

Also, it is noteworthy that they kept their covenant with other people. When the Gibeonites were in trouble and requested Joshua's assistance (Josh. 10:6), the easy way out would have been to ignore the request. The Gibeonites had deceived Joshua into making a covenant with them (9:15), and Joshua's error in judgment had angered the Israelites (9:18). It must have been difficult for Joshua, then, to muster the Israelites to risk their lives to defend a people whom they had wanted to destroy. Nevertheless, Joshua realized that he was bound by his word, so the covenant had to be honored.

When the modern reader of the Old Testament encounters such an account, we can think of several acceptable ways to get out of an ill-conceived covenant. However, we do not understand the depth of the Hebrew respect for the spoken word. Once spoken, words were like ar-

rows released from the bow — they could not be taken back. Therefore, we should be careful to measure our words (Mt. 12:36-37), and careful to do that which we promise. Jesus told his disciples that one's relationship with God is not right if his relationship with others is not right (Mt. 5:21-24).

Third, notice that they counted on God's power. It was a great step of faith for the Israelites to move forward against the forces of the five Amorite kings (10:3-7), and, later, the great armies of northern Palestine (11:1-5). However, in both cases God promised that he would intervene. God's people went into battle confident that he would fulfill his promise, and he did so miraculously (10:10-14; 11:8). They operated on the basis of faith, not fear (10:8, 25; 11:6).

Fourth, notice that they were willing to add labor to their faith. Throughout the stories of the exodus and conquest, two words that stand out are "give" and "take." God promised to give the land to them, but they had to take it. In Joshua 10-11, God acts to give them the land, but Joshua and the people must go to battle to take it. The conquest of Canaan was a cooperative venture between God and his people, and so is our spiritual victory. For example, he will provide the way of escape from temptation, but we must walk through it (1 Cor.

10:13). He will forgive, but we must confess (1 Jn. 1:9). He will draw near to us, but we must resist the devil and draw near to him (James 4:7-8).

Last, it is mentioned four times that they obeyed God's command (10:40; 11:15, 20, 23). The objective of their warfare was to fulfill God's command to displace the Canaanites and to take the land. The objective of our spiritual warfare is "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (II Cor. 10:5b). Obedience to our Commander in Chief is required if we are to experience victory.

Some have difficulty with the fact that God commanded his people to kill the Canaanites. Such a command should be seen as judgment against the terrible evil existing among those people. At this time, the hourglass of God's patience had run out and their iniquity was full (Gen. 15:16; Lev. 18:24-25). After writing concerning the abominations of the Canaanites, G. Campbell Morgan wrote, "If I did not believe God would make war against what is revealed concerning Canaan, I could not believe in God at all! Israel was raised up, and sent into that land to cleanse a plague spot, which was blasting the whole world by its influence" (Hosea — The Heart and Holiness of God, p. 139).

Moseley is pastor, Bayou View, Gulfport.

## Ministering in demanding situations: "We can succeed"

By Wayne Campbell  
Mark 5:22-24, 35-38, 40-42

If you want a job done, give it to the busiest person available. While that axiom may not sound quite fair, it is often true that the person who is busiest may be the most likely to accept an additional task. Jesus hardly has opportunity to catch his breath, it seems, between the demands pressed upon him in this section of Mark's account. Wherever Jesus went, the word spread, and needy people came seeking to touch him and to be touched by him. Today, his ministry continues to be one of touching people as he ministers through us, his followers.

During World War II, a church in Strasbourg was reduced to a pile of rubble. When the debris was cleared away, a statue of Christ was found intact, except that both its hands were missing.



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When reconstruction of the church began, a sculptor offered to carve new hands for the statue. The congregation considered his offer and declined. They said, "Our broken statue touches the spirits of people. It reminds us that Christ has no hands to minister with except ours. He inspires; we perform."

Some of the occasions when persons most deeply need his touch through us may be at times when it is not most convenient for us. Ministering makes its demands of us emotionally, mentally, and physically. When the woman with the hemorrhage touched Jesus' clothes, Jesus sensed that "power had gone forth from him." Yet, as George MacDonald observed, "Nothing makes a person strong like a cry for help." Every person who seeks to serve the Lord discovers that the Lord ministers to us as he ministers through us. It is his strength that supplies our own needs and the needs of

those to whom we seek to minister.

At times we may encounter situations in which we would prefer not to attempt ministering, because we feel inadequate. Then we can be reminded that it is his adequacy, not our own, that matters. While we may not feel confident in what we know, we can always be confident in whom we know.

Often when faced with the challenge to minister to others, some will protest, "But I never know what to say." In most cases, however, it is not the professional approach that is needed, but a warm, caring, personal touch. Concern and compassion extended in the spirit of Christ are called for far more often than profound wisdom or theological discourses. We may be tempted at times to pour words on a situation that a listening ear can minister to much more effectively.

In ministering to Jairus and his family, Jesus faced a situation that some had labeled hopeless (vv. 35, 40a). When you and I are inclined to diagnose a problem as hopeless, we

need to recall wherein our hope lies. Then too, the testimony of our persistent faith in face of others' faithlessness may be a determining factor in someone's change of heart.

Notice that when Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, he permitted only the three disciples who followed him to view the miracle, along with the girls' parents. Jesus was not seeking an audience for his ministry. Service to others should be for the purpose of meeting their needs in Jesus' name, not to gain personal glory or adulation. If our motive is to draw people to ourselves, scorn such as Jesus faced will likely be overwhelming, for it will represent failure. If, however, our desire is to reveal Jesus, we can succeed despite ridicule.

Paul captured the highest motive for ministry in the words of II Cor. 5:14a: "For the love of Christ constraineth us . . ." It is not the prospect of their loving us that is to determine our actions, but the irrefutable fact that Christ loves all and wants them ministered to through us. Campbell is pastor, Chunky Church, Chunky.

## Gentiles request an audience with Jesus

By Tommy Vinson  
John 12:20-36a

Four major movements are evident in this week's focal passage. First, there is a dearth which leads to desire (v. 20-22). These Gentiles who approached Jesus would have been exposed to the latest in religion and philosophy. Greeks were known for their pursuit of truth. Apparently these men had come up empty in their search. Their desire to have an audience with Jesus indicates an emptiness in their life. They had heard and seen much about this wonderful man. He could heal congenital blindness, (9:6, 7) and raise the dead (11:43, 44). Because of this, a ray of hope had been sparked in their lives. Perhaps you have been frustrated in your search for real



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meaning and purpose in life. You can do what these Greeks did. Seek an audience with Jesus. Bring your emptiness to his fullness.

Second, there is a desire which leads to a death (vv. 23-30). Jesus seems to answer this request to the Greeks in a strange way. He begins immediately talking about his ensuing death (vv. 23, 24). "The hour had come" toward which he had been moving from all eternity (Rev. 13:8). The desire of these Gentiles to see him seems to have precipitated a crisis. Jesus understands that for these men to really "see him" in the sense of knowing him as Saviour and Lord, he must go to the cross and die. When this happens, like a seed which falls into the ground and dies, he will resurrect and produce abundant fruit, both among Jews and Gentiles. He indicates in his reply that if these Greeks

are serious about their desire to "see Jesus," then they must be willing also to follow him to the cross (vv. 25, 26). Previously, Jesus had challenged his followers that "If any man will come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Simply put, this means that when our will and God's will come into conflict, we must choose to do God's will.

The anticipation of the cross was a troublesome thing. What do you say when you don't know what to say? (v. 27) Jesus had several options. He could have said, "Father, save me from this hour." I think Beck renders this verse accurately when he translates it as a question, "Father, save me from what is going on?" Aren't you glad Jesus didn't use this option! He knew that if the Father saved him from that hour, then none of us could be saved from any hour. Instead, he tells us what to say when we don't know what to say: "Father, glorify thy name" (v. 28).

Third, our text presents to us a death which leads to a drawing (vv. 31-33). Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Here is an obvious reference to his death on the cross. There is a spiritually magnetic quality about the cross. When used by the Holy Spirit, it will draw men, women, boys, and girls from every nation and tribe throughout the earth to Jesus. This should have given these searching Greeks some real hope.

Last, we see a drawing which leads to a decision (vv. 34-36). The fact that the Father will be actively drawing all kinds of folks to himself through the cross does not preclude our human responsibility "to believe." Jesus commands them, "While ye have light (8:12), believe in the light, that ye may be the sons of light" (v. 36). To really "see Jesus" as the man of our text desired, will require the exercise of faith. John has already told us that it is "he that believeth" that will have "everlasting life" (3:16).

Vinson is pastor, Crossgates, Brandon.

## Convocation on the Bible announced for April 1992

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptists will celebrate their central focus on the Bible during the National Convocation on the Bible to be held at the Nashville Convention Center, April 21-23, 1992.

The convocation will include conferences, workshops, Bible exposi-

tions, and a joint commissioning service for Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries.

Bill Hendricks, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary in Louisville, will lead a Bible exposition each morning. Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort

Worth, will preach at one evening service. The Centurymen, a group of Southern Baptist church music ministers, will present a concert. A new musical will be introduced in the closing session.

Other highlights include a gospel music river gathering, inauguration

of a Sunday School teachers hall of fame, presentation of a new Holman family Bible, presentation of a new language translation of the Bible, and a ceremony featuring a Bible which will have been read in all 50 states.

Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." God is present, when we need His help and fortitude. He is ever present to lead and guide us in our pathways of life, whether it's during times of stress or in making decisions, if we ask for his help, he is always ready and present a loving Heavenly Father, who cares for his own. — Lena Scott Price, Jackson



# THE VILLAGE VIEW



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## Gifts of Honor and Memory

A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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## Honor Roll of Churches

(Continued from last week)

Each January, we review and analyze cash gifts received in Village offices during the preceding calendar year. One of the more interesting and gratifying facets of this analysis is a listing of Mississippi Baptist churches in the order of their designated cash gifts to our ministry — the "Honor Roll of Churches." During 1989, 241 local churches contributed \$1,000.00 or more in gifts to the Village which reached our offices by December 31. According to our records, these "top 241" churches were:

RANK	CHURCH NAME	CHURCH CITY	1989
181.	Georgetown Baptist Church	Georgetown	1300.00
182.	Belden Baptist Church	Belden	1285.30
183.	Rock Hill Baptist Church	Brandon	1281.96
184.	Flora Baptist Church	Flora	1281.65
185.	First Baptist Church	Taylorville	1280.00
186.	Big Creek Baptist Church	Big Creek	1274.62
187.	Grace Memorial Baptist Church	Gulfport	1274.28
188.	Cairo Baptist Church	Ecru	1266.10
189.	Calvary Baptist Church	Greenwood	1230.00
190.	First Baptist Church	Carthage	1228.00
191.	Trinity Baptist Church	Fulton	1225.00
192.	Sallis Baptist Church	Sallis	1220.00
193.	New Hope Baptist Church	Meridian	1217.30
194.	Moak's Creek Baptist Church	Bogue Chitto	1213.00
195.	Macedonia Baptist Church	Myrtle	1207.94
196.	First Baptist Church	Senatobia	1203.29
197.	West Baptist Church	West	1200.00
198.	Mount Zion Baptist Church	Florence	1200.00
199.	Topeka Baptist Church	Jayess	1190.61
200.	First Baptist Church	Anguilla	1186.00
201.	Derma Baptist Church	Derma	1179.91
202.	Ingram Baptist Church	Baldwyn	1179.42
203.	First Baptist Church	Biloxi	1179.40
204.	Calvary Baptist Church	Vicksburg	1175.00
205.	Pine Crest Baptist Church	Star	1165.00
206.	Anchor Baptist Church	Water Valley	1158.00
207.	Bradford Chapel Baptist Church	Gore Springs	1150.00
208.	Hillcrest Baptist Church	New Albany	1150.00
209.	Oakdale Baptist Church	Brandon	1141.00
210.	Harmony Baptist Church	Pontotoc	1136.70
211.	Park Place Baptist Church	Brandon	1135.00
212.	Daniel Memorial Baptist Church	Jackson	1134.89
213.	Lexie Baptist Church	Tylertown	1128.76
214.	First Baptist Church	Foxworth	1125.42
215.	First Baptist Church	Rolling Fork	1121.89
216.	Salem Baptist Church	Raymond	1120.00
217.	First Baptist Church	Summit	1117.67
218.	Goodwater Baptist Church	Magee	1117.00
219.	First Baptist Church	Pontotoc	1116.52
220.	Bethany Baptist Church	Calhoun City	1113.00
221.	First Baptist Church	Pascagoula	1111.26
222.	Central Baptist Church	Brookhaven	1099.56
223.	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Quitman	1095.93
224.	Macedonia Baptist Church	Tupelo	1090.00
225.	First Baptist Church	Mendenhall	1082.00
226.	Wheeler Grove Baptist Church	Corinth	1077.52
227.	Beulah Baptist Church	Bolton	1072.45
228.	Chesterville Baptist Church	Tupelo	1066.26
229.	Clear Branch Baptist Church	Florence	1053.38
230.	Gallman Baptist Church	Gallman	1053.00
231.	Hathorn Baptist Church	Columbia	1032.71
232.	Highland Baptist Church	Vicksburg	1030.00
233.	First Baptist Church	Holly Springs	1028.50
234.	Calvary Baptist Church	Waynesboro	1025.06
235.	Bellevue Baptist Church	Shelby	1025.00
236.	New Providence Baptist Church	Pittsboro	1017.71
237.	First Baptist Church	Leakesville	1015.00
238.	Plainway Baptist Church	Laurel	1012.25
239.	Arm Baptist Church	Silver Creek	1011.10
240.	Scotland Baptist Church	Winona	1000.00
241.	Iuka Baptist Church	Iuka	1000.00



# Mississippians rebuild church on Guadeloupe after Hugo

By Florence Frederick

Wayne and Florence Frederick, pastor and wife from Jericho Church, Union Co. Association, Baldwin, led a team of volunteers in disaster relief on Guadeloupe. The Fredericks, former missionaries to that island, returned to help construct a building for the Moule Baptist Church. That town had 90 percent of its buildings damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Hugo. The Fredericks had had much experience while under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board with volunteer crews and seized the opportunity to return to the island where they had spent 16 years.

Wayne led seven volunteers from Kentucky, Alabama, Texas, and Virginia in finishing pouring the foundation, planing wood for studs and joists, building trusses, putting up the framing, roofing, putting up the 8 inch tongue and groove framing, and hanging doors.

It is ironic that two of those double doors were hung by Frederick as his last work as a missionary before leaving the field in February 1986. They were salvaged from another church building destroyed by Hugo.

The team was there from Nov. 28 to Dec. 11 and left a building which is

usable by the Moule congregation. Missionary Al Gary is finishing the building with help of national Christians from the Moule church. Those Christians worked side by side with the volunteers and established rich ties of Christian brotherhood. Some spent the night on the site with volunteers to guard building materials and equipment.

While the men worked, Florence made 26 garments for 16 outfits for children and teens left destitute by the hurricane. She also helped missionary Judy Gary prepare meals and wash dishes.

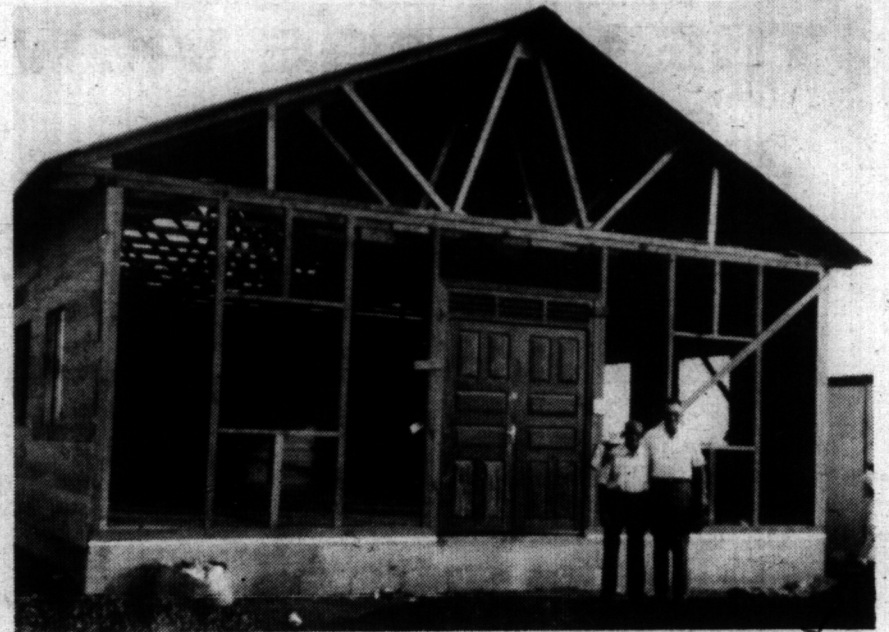
Several churches made possible the Fredericks' trip but overshadowing the entire venture was the keen awareness of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. It was evident that the projects were being bathed by prayer. This was during Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The concrete mixer broke down and the men had to finish mixing by hand. The planer broke and another new one was given by an unchurched neighbor. Not one of the team was a carpenter by profession. By all odds, the project goal of having a usable building

should not have been met.

Florence had brought material and sewing notions donated by various women. She had to adapt patterns to fit girls she had never seen, who only had been described to her by Judy Gary. God's creative power was manifest in the splendid way remnants coordinated with others and buttons and zippers matched fabrics. And the garments fit. They were gift-wrapped and given to the children and girls at a church Christmas party. Gifts for the entire congregation and two other congregations were donated by various GA, Acteen, and church groups of the various volunteers and brought to Guadeloupe in their suitcases. The volunteers had been warned that these Christians would not have Christmas this year.

Wayne preached Dec. 10 morning services in the building. It was one of great praise and spiritual excitement for missionary, national, and volunteer alike. That night he preached at the Pointe-a-Pitre Baptist Church where he had been pastor for eight years. Their warm reception by national Christians and former neighbors was most rewarding and made the trip a sort of homecoming.



Frederick and national Christian LucDeKordoret before Moule Church.

## Jury: "Mercer broke contract"

By Audrey Post

ATLANTA (BP) — Mercer University's decision to close its College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta was made in bad faith and breached its contract with students and faculty, a DeKalb County, Ga., jury ruled.

The ruling means students and faculty are entitled to recover damages, and they can file individual lawsuits against the university to determine how much.

Mercer is a Georgia Baptist school with campuses here and Macon. Calling the jury verdicts "subsidiary issues," Mercer President Kirby

Godsey announced that the court had "upheld the university's right to close the College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta" and "dismissed a claim challenging the use of university endowment."

In its finding of bad faith, the jury agreed with the plaintiffs' contention that the majority of the trustees showed an inattention to duty and thus were persuaded to close the college by a few trustee leaders and administrators who did have bad motives.

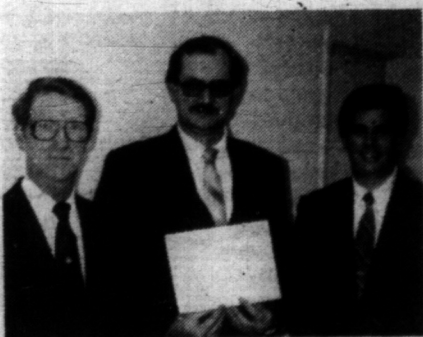
## Names in the news



Mrs. Ella Smith, left, recently received a pin for 21 years perfect attendance in Sunday School at First Church, Belzoni. Bryan Prather, right, Sunday School director, presented the pin.

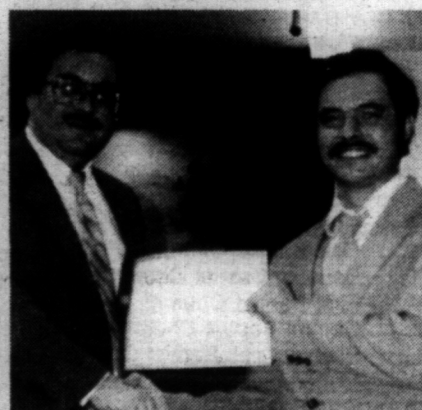


John Johnson, right, recently received a pin for 29 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. R. W. Shelton, left, Sunday School director at Salem Church, Toombs, presented the pin. Danny Ethridge is Toombs pastor.



New Hope Church, Lee County, ordained Lowell Ingram to the gospel ministry on Nov. 11. Left to right: Lyndale Davis, Academy Church, Tippah County, who brought the charge to the church; Ingram; Rickey Blythe, pastor at New Hope, who brought the charge to the candidate. Lowell was ordained at the request of Providence Church, Franklin county.

Darren Wigington, and his wife, Rhonda from Mt. Zion Church, Simpson County, surrendered to the ministry on Dec. 3. He is available for pulpit supply and may be reached at Rt. 2, Box 199, Prentiss, MS 39474, phone 792-2816.



Frank Donahue (right) was licensed to the gospel ministry on Dec. 3, by Fredonia Church, New Albany. Donahue has received his license from Fredonia pastor, Gregg Thomas (left). He is available for pulpit supply or interim work. He may be contacted through Fredonia Baptist Church at 534-3436.

One hundred million Americans identify with a language-culture group other than Anglo-American; 1,270 language missionaries serve these groups.

## Devotional

### What to do with life's burdens

By Pat Bufkin

My preaching professor in seminary, H. C. Brown, used to say to us: "Men, there is at least one person hurting on every row."

That was 20 years ago, and it seems that everyone I meet is hurting. People are burdened with so many problems: domestic, financial, religious, educational, peer pressure, sickness, death, and a variety of others.

It is my conviction that every person can deal constructively with his problems. The Bible teaches us how to handle life's burdens.

First, we are to bear our own burdens. "Every man shall bear his own burden" (Galatians 6:5).

This is the burden like a soldier's full-field-pack. It is non-transferable. No one can help us. Such things as confession of sin, tithing, faithfulness, Bible study, prayer, witnessing, and sanctification are personal responsibilities which we must bear alone. God commands that we handle these situations.

Jonathan Edwards said, "Resolved first, that every man shall do right, whatever the cost. Resolved secondly, whether any man does right or not, I will, so help me God."

Second, we are also to bear one another's burdens. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Verse 1 tells us to pick up our stumbling brothers, because we may need someone to pick us up later. And then Paul says, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

The idea is that we are to care, encourage, strengthen, and help the weak or carnal Christians. We must confess that what we usually do is talk about them or criticize them. But Christ would have us to have compassion and get under their burdens and help them grow in Christlikeness. We are fellow strugglers helping each other.

The most beautiful portrait of Jesus is: "He went about doing good." Let us follow Christ's example.

Third, we are also to take our burdens to the Lord. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee" (Psalm 55:22).

For the psalmist, life was so heavy. It was filled with conflict. So he thought that he would get away by flying to the mountains or by going down to the beach. There he would have peace. But he realized that he would still have his burdens because he would still be himself. He discovered that his only solution was to bring his burdens and lay them down before God.

This is our solution. We cannot escape ourselves. We cannot escape our problems, but we can bring them to the Lord and leave them there. He will give us grace sufficient. And as did Job, we can have peace in the midst of any situation because our great God is carrying us through life.

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### Small church tops goal

Bethel Church, Copiah Association, had a Lottie Moon goal of \$1500.00. On Dec. 3 the WMU presented a play, "Send on the Missionaries," by Phyllis Sapp, about the life of Lottie Moon. At the close of the play an invitation was given for those attending to come forward and place their offerings at the altar. When the money was counted the \$1500.00 goal had been met.

The church also held a Christmas Bazaar on the 9th with all proceeds going toward Lottie Moon. The total money received from the church for Lottie Moon was \$2,131.60 — the largest amount ever given in the history of the church of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Glen Mullins is pastor and Brenda Nixon is WMU director.

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